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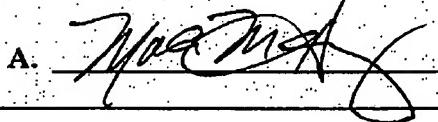
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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WORKING  
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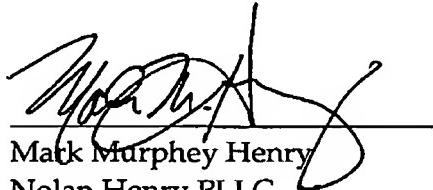
ELECTION OF APPARATUS CLAIMS

Pursuant to your conversation with our office on December 2, 2004, the  
Applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1-8, which are the apparatus claims directed to the  
above-named invention. The Applicant understands that if the apparatus claims are

allowed, he will have the opportunity to rejoin Claims 9-20, which are the remaining claims and are directed to a process for using the apparatus, pursuant to MPEP § 821.04.

We further understand that the election does not need to be traversed. We also understand that if the process claims are found to be outside the limitations of the apparatus claims upon rejoinder, we may file a continuation-in-part application and a terminal disclaimer at that time to proceed with prosecution of the process claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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